

I am writing in alarm to comment on this information from the Washington Post of October 11, 2004:  
"Sinclair Broadcast Group of Maryland, owner of the largest chain of television stations in the nation, plans to preempt regular programming two weeks before the Nov. 2 election to air a documentary that accuses Sen. John F. Kerry of betraying American prisoners during the Vietnam War."

This appears to be blatant electioneering. And don't tell me that a broadcasting corporation has its own rights of 'free speech'! Their mandate is to protect the public's right to same, and this looks like an egregious breach of their fiduciary responsibility.

I respectfully request that you intervene to prevent such an offense to our Constitutional rights and that you do so quickly.

I would add only that I would be writing to you for enforcement of our media laws even if this issue arose from the other side of the political spectrum. It is not for any group in the public trust (in this case, whose very license depends on their agreement to serve the public good) to push an agenda. I will remain active to assure that this remains our standard.

Thank you for your consideration.